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SUBJECT: KOREAN INITIATIVES FOR UPCOMING UNGA

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1. REF A CONFIRMS OUR IMPRESSION OF DPRK POLICY CONCERNING
FORTHCOMING GA, I.E. THAT NORTH WILL NOT MOVE UNLESS
"PROVOKED". WE UNDERSTAND ROK OBSERVER MISSION NEW YORK
HAS REPORTED TO SEOUL ALONG LINES REF A, AND HOPE THIS
HAS FILTERED UPWARDS AND MADE DESIRED IMPACT.

2. OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE REMAINS TO AVOID STEPS WHICH
NORTH KOREA WOULD SEE AS "PROVOCATIONS" TO WHICH IT WOULD
FEEL OBLIGED TO RESPOND. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE TELL FONOFF
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AT WHATEVER LEVEL SEEMS NECESSARY THAT WHILE WE UNDERSTAND
ITS DESIRE TO WIN GENERAL DEBATE SUPPORT, ADVANTAGES TO
US BOTH OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION ON KOREAN QUESTION IN
32ND UNGA ARE SO COMPELLING THAT WE STRONGLY URGE ROKG
TO POSTPONE CIRCULATION OF TALKING POINTS AND MEMORANDUM
UNTIL AFTER FIRST COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION (PARA 4, REF D),
AND LIMIT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD BE CONTACTED.

YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WHILE "FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE"
MIGHT BE ENHANCED BY ROK INITIATIVE, SUCH ATTITUDES

ARE SUBJECT TO MANY SHIFTING CURRENTS AND WE DOUBT
THAT TIMING IS ESSENTIAL TO THEIR FORMULATION; IT
CERTAINLY DOES NOT WARRANT ACCEPTING RISK OF
MANIFESTLY UNDESIRABLE COUNTERACTION.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO STRESS THAT USG BELIEVES THAT
BEFORE EMBARKING ON ANY LOBBYING EFFORT IN CAPITALS
ROK SHOULD DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH CORE GROUP MEMBERS
IN NEW YORK AS WAS DONE ON LOBBYING EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN
IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

4. FYI ONLY: WITH REGARD TO YOUR COMMENTS TO FOREIGN
MINISTER ON U. S. UNGA SPEECH, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT

PRESENT PLANNING FOR THE TONE AND AMBIENCE OF THE
SPEECH MAKE IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT KOREA WILL BE
SPECIFICALLY RAISED. IN VIEW OF OTHER ISSUES YOU
ARE DISCUSSING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AT THIS JUNCTURE,
THIS IS NOT TIMELY OCCASION TO CARRY OUT OUR PROMISED
CONSULTATIONS ON U. S. UNGA STATEMENT, BUT YOU SHOULD
AVOID LEADING FOREIGN MINISTER TO BELIEVE THAT A
KOREA STATEMENT WILL BE INCLUDED. END FYI.

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